

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-20, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 21-40. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 21-40 do not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 21-40, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract of the Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract of the Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §102 AND §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claims 1-16, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Steingold, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,537,143 (Steingold). The Examiner also asserts that Claims 17-20, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Matthews, U.S. Patent No. 5,600,368 (Matthews).

As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-20, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 21-40. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 21-40 do not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 21-40, is patentable over the prior art.